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SUBJECT: R/V EASTWARD CLEARANCE REQUEST, 29 SEPT-13 OCT 1978

REF A. STATE 203322, B. RABAT 3623

1. EMBASSY TAKING NECESSARY STEPS TO SEEK R/V EASTWARD CLEARANCE REQUEST PER REF A. IN VIEW OF OUR LENGTHY DIFFICULTIES IN SECURING GOM CLEARANCE FOR PREVIOUS RESEARCH PROGRAM, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT POSSIBLE LINKAGE OF EASTWARD RESEARCH AND TEXACO PROJECT COULD CREATE EVEN GREATER PROBLEMS THAN WE ENCOUNTERED ON OUR LAST GO-AROUND. IT COULD APPEAR TO GOM, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT WE UTILIZED R/V EASTWARD CLEARANCE TO GAIN APPROVAL FOR TEXACO PROJECT. LINKAGE MIGHT ALSO RESSURECT THORNY ISSUE OF DISSEMINATION OF DATA. EMBASSY THEREFORE FEELS THAT DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO SUGGEST TO DUKE UNIVERSITY THAT R/VEASTWARD UNDERTAKING NOT BE LINKED WITH POTENTIAL TEXACO EXPLORATION, EITHER NOW OR IN THE FUTURE; UNLESS OF COURSE, BOTH PARTIES ARE PREPARED TO OFFER LENGTHY EXPLANATIONS WHICH MIGHT WELL GO BEYOND THE PERIOD FOR WHICH THE R/V EASTWARD EXPEDITION IS PLANNED.

2. IN A RELATED MATTER, MR. MUSTAPHA ASRI, THE GOM'S DESIGNATED OBSERVER FOR COVERING PORTION OF R/V EASTWARD'S EARLIER RESEARCH IN MOROCCAN WATERS, RETURNED TO MOROCCO ON AUGUST 9 AND WAS INTERVIEWED BY EMBOFF. MR. ASRI, WHO GREATLY APPRECIATED THE OPPOR-

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TUNITY TO PARTICIPATE N THE R/V EASTWARD VOYAGE, SAID THAT THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HE RECEIVED DURING THE TRIP WERE INVALUABLE AND MADE HIM UNIQUE IN HIS OWN MINISTRY, WHICH IS NOW ACQUIRING ITS OWN MODEST VESSEL. HE NOTED ALSO THAT THE PORTION OF THE TRIP IN WHICH HE PARTICIATED DID NOT ENTER INTO MOROCCAN TERRITORIAL WATERS AT ANY TIME AND IS QUITE SURE THE PREVIOUS PORTION WENT ONLY AS FAR AS THE ALGERIAN/MOROCCAN BORDER AND DID NOT ENTER MOROCCAN

WATERS. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CLARIFY REASONS FOR THIS DEVELOP-  
MENT, WHICH WE WILL BE AT A LOSS TO EXPLAIN TO GOM IF AND WHEN  
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